

Program #91010C - Election's Staffing - Oregon Motor Voter Revenues

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs: 91010A-18

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Request to fund 1.00 FTE Office Assistant 2 position to assist with the increased voter registration work load associated with new voters gained through population growth and Oregon Motor Voter (OMV).

Program Summary

A combination of significant population growth and Oregon's innovative new voter registration system, Oregon Motor Voter (OMV), has added more than 70,000 new voters to the rolls in 2016, a 15% increase from 2015. In comparing the number of registration transactions from 2012 to 2016 there was an increase of more than 127,000 transactions, or 40% more transactions in 2016. While the electronic transfer of records from DMV associated with OMV has added efficiency to the process of registering voters from that source, the additional volume is significant. Elections has always used temporary staff to assist with voter registration activity in the months leading up to election but over the last few years has had to supplement full time staff with temporary staff every month to keep up with the additional volume.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer			
Output	Annual registration transactions processed	NA	NA	NA	19,500			
Outcome	Number of temporary hours reduced	NA	NA	NA	1,560			

Performance Measures Descriptions

It is anticipated that the 40% increase in registration transactions processed last year will continue because of OMV. This measurement is the number of registration transactions that the position will likely process. This position will significantly reduce the number of temporary hours that have been necessary to process registration transactions.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

No legal/contractual obligations associated with this program offer.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$64,564	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$10,500	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$75,064	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$75,064	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues						
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Explanation of Revenues

The Oregon Legislature wanted to make sure that OMV was not an unfunded mandate and has established a model for providing funds to counties to offset the costs of additional voters like ballots, envelopes, postage, processing and voter registration activity. In November each year, about one week after the voter registration deadline, the State Elections Division determines the number of active registered voters in each county and provides this data to the legislative fiscal office. Then, upon approval, the state pays the counties based on 15 cents per registered voter. For FY 2018 the amount should be about \$75,000 and will offset the salary and benefits of the position as well as some supplies for the position.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This is a new ongoing program offer.